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1. The recent director of the Neptun Shipyard, Franz, and an unidentified book-keeper were arrested on 1 July 1949. Grounds for the arrest were alleged to be financial irregularities in the management of the yard. Engineer Schlaak of the Warnow Shipyard in Warnemünde has been appointed Franz's successor to the post of technical director.
2. The real power in the yard is Paul Werther, former SED party secretary of the organization, who has been recently appointed "Kulturdirektor".
3. The following information comes from the Neptun "Betriebsgruppe" organ, Der Kampf:

Russian personnel

- a. Technical Director of the Shipyard - Buchuliew
 - b. Technical Chief of Pontoon Construction - Musinski
 - c. Chief of the Planning Office - Brachkin
4. On 1 July 1949 there were about 5,000 persons employed by the Neptun yard, among whom were many drafted workers from Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia.
5. Launched in June and July 1949 were:
- a. One tugger on 9 July 1949. Two more should follow in the course of the month.
 - b. Two pontoons on 15 and 23 June respectively.
6. Repair jobs have been reported on the following:
- a. ~~Equator, T-190, and the Catanis~~ ^{formerly the S-500 - 60} ~~which belonged to the Sloman Shipping Co., Hamburg, has been converted into a training ship and has left the dock.~~
 - b. A sister ship arrived on 3 July 1949 for a similar conversion.
 - c. Three destroyers, two of which have been in the yard since 1947, the third recently arrived, are still undergoing repairs.
 - d. One German destroyer of the "Narvik" class, now called "Provorniy" ^{formerly} is being overhauled.
 - e. Two 600-ton German minesweepers, the T-715 and the T-720 are being overhauled.

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f. The steamers "Smolny" and "Irkut" are also undergoing repairs.

7. The former KdF (Kraft durch Freude) ship Der Deutsche, now known as the Asia, is undergoing repairs in the Warnow Shipyard in Warnemunde.*

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